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TAGS: MCAF, AF, IR

SUBJ: SOVIET ARMS FOR AFGHANISTAN

REF: (A) TEHRAN 4916; (B) TEHRAN 5241

1. SOVIETS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERTAKEN ANY NEW MILITARY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN. EVERY YEAR SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN SOME TOKEN REPEAT TOKEN GIFT OF NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT BUT NEVER IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO BE OF ANY REAL SIGNIFICANCE, ESPECIALLY AS RELATES TO IRAN. THIS YEAR'S GIFT WAS TEN T-62 TANKS, LAST YEAR IT WAS 17 T-55 TANKS.

2. AS TO SUPPLY OF "LATEST MODEL AIRCRAFT" (REF A AND B), AFGHAN MILITARY HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY NEW MODEL AIRCRAFT SINCE 1968. SU-7 AND MIG 21 AIRCRAFT (ALL STATIONED NEAR KABUL) ARE LATEST MODELS PRESENTLY IN INVENTORY AND TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO NEW AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES ARE PLANNED.

3. EMBASSY APOLOGIZES FOR LATESTNESS OF REPLY TO REF A AS WE HAVE BEEN RATHER BUSY OF LATE WITH INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS.  
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